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Docket No.: 061355-0050

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In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Yoshihiro MITSUMOTO : Confirmation Number: 9732
Application No.: 10/765,104 : Group Art Unit: 2837
Filed: January 28, 2004 : Allowed: April 13, 2005
: Examiner: Karen Masih

For: WIPER CONTROL APPARATUS AND WIPER CONTROL METHOD

REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE CITED ART

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

We are in receipt of the Notice of Allowance dated April 13, 2005.

In reviewing the file, it is noted that we have not received acknowledgement of the Information Disclosure Statement and cited art filed April 8, 2005. Enclosed are copies of the Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and stamped return postcard acknowledgement.

Applicant hereby respectfully requests that the appropriately acknowledged PTO-1449 be furnished to Applicant; and the record be clarified to confirm that the cited art has been considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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1 Form PTO 1449

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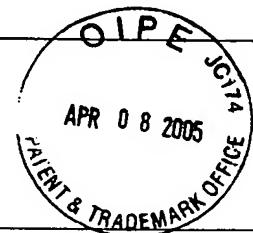
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date AND after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance.

CERTIFICATION PARAGRAPH

The undersigned certifies that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement as described in 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1).

Each non-English language reference was cited in a corresponding foreign application search report or office action and its relevance discussed therein. A copy of the foreign search report or office action, together with an English language version thereof, is attached for the Examiner's information.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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